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DEPT. PLEASE PASS TO COMMERCE FOR MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SOUTHAMPTON OF NEW YORK MARITIME
COLLEGE TRAINING SHIP EMPIRE STATE

REF: LONDON 8832

1. PLEASE REQUEST CAPT. ENGLISH, COMMANDING OFFICER OF
EMPIRE STATE, TO TELEGRAPH SHIP'S AGENT IN SOUTHAMPTON'
GLOVER BROS., TELEX 47554, ATTN: MR. DON SMITH, GIVING
INFORMATION ON NUMBER AND NATIONALITY OF PASSENGERS AND
CREW. GLOVER BROS. HAD BEEN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH UK
IMMIGRATION ON BASIS THAT ALL CREW, OFFICERS AND CADETS,
WERE US NATIONALS. HOWEVER, INVITATION FROM IRANIAN

NAVAL VESSEL IN SOUTHAMPTON TO RECEPTION DISCUSSED BELOW
BASED ON IRANIAN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT SOME 65 CADETS ON
BOARD ARE IRANIANS. (FYI: IRANIAN STUDENTS IN UK HAVE
ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST DEMONSTRATED AGAINST
SHAH'S REGIME. THIS MAY CAUSE UK CONCERN.)
MANIFEST AND PASSENGER LIST SHOULD BE READY UPON ARRIVAL
AND CONTAIN NAME, NATIONALITY, PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH
FOR EACH PERSON ON LIST. PLEASE ALSO SEND BY TELEGRAM
ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL AS REQUESTED REFTEL.

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2. COCKTAIL PARTY REQUESTED BY CAPT. ENGLISH ARRANGED
FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10. FOLLOWING SENDING OF INVITATIONS,
IRANIAN NAVAL VESSEL AND SUBSEQUENTLY IRANIAN EMBASSY
CALLED TO INVITE CAPT. ENGLISH, 2 OTHER OFFICERS AND 20
CADETS TO RECEPTION SAME EVENING. PRIOR ENGAGEMENT OF
CAPT. ENGLISH EXPLAINED AND IRANIANS PROPOSING TO HOLD
THEIR RECEPTION LATER ON SAME EVENING SO CAPTAIN CAN

ATTEND OR POSSIBLY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11. DON SMITH OF GLOVER BROS., EMPIRE STATE'S AGENT WORKING WITH CDR. WARNHAM, ROYAL NAVY LIAISON OFFICER, AND CAPT. R. A. STEPHENSON, PRINCIPAL OFFICER FOR SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST DISTRICT, MARINE DIVISION, UK DEPT. OF TRADE, ON SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. AS REQUESTED EARLIER MESSAGES, IF EMPIRE STATE DESIRES ANY TOUR OR VISIT ARRANGEMENTS, IT SHOULD NOW TELEGRAPH GLOVER BROS. SINCE TIME IS EXTREMELY SHORT. ONLY COMMUNICATION GLOVER BROS. HAS RECEIVED TO DATE IS MAY 19 LETTER FROM CAPT. ENGLISH APPOINTING FIRM AS SHIP'S AGENT.

2. FOR MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, ACADEMIES PROGRAM OFFICER: ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMPIRE STATE HAVE PLACED AN UNNECESSARY WORKLOAD AND EXPENSE ON EMBASSY BECAUSE NEW YORK MARITIME COLLEGE DID NOT MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF ITS TRAINING SHIP OR FOLLOW THROUGH ONCE EMBASSY HAD LOCATED AN AGENT. NOT ONLY HAVE THERE BEEN THE ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPLICATIONS OF SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS AND CLEARANCES FOR THE EMPIRE STATE, BUT EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING PERSONAL MAIL AND PACKAGES FOR THE OFFICERS AND CADETS OF THE EMPIRE STATE. WE HAVE NO FACILITIES FOR HANDLING SUCH MAIL AND ARE HAVING TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THE MAIL TAKEN FROM LONDON TO SOUTHAMPTON. EARLY DESIGNATION OF AN AGENT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED USE OF HIS ADDRESS FOR MAIL. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO AVOID THIS SORT OF SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO VISITS BY OTHER MARITIME ACADEMY TRAINING SHIPS.

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